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Not applicable (private citizen)

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A State native vegetation policy

9 Referring to the proposed policy objective statements below, how well do you support each one in guiding our development of a policy?

Objective 1 matrix - Objective 1:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

Cultural, social and environmental outcomes should actually be given greater weighting in this process to account for the many decades where a finance focused approach was taken. Of course a broader "economic" approach where the long term financial benefits of the cultural, social and environmental outcomes is also required.

Objective 2 matrix - Objective 2:

Strongly supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

We are only now scratching the surface of the amazing interconnected nature of our biodiversity. Conservation and restoration must occur allowing for what we know and what we don't yet know.

Objective 3 matrix - Objective 3:

Supported

Please explain in the text box below.:

The interconnected nature of our ecosystems requires that we give a great effort to conserving all species. At times there is need to focus on particularly vulnerable species or areas but we should not ignore the big picture whilst doing so.

10 What opportunities are presented by the development of a State Native Vegetation Policy focused on how government manages vegetation?

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

The opportunity is to finally bring to the fore front Western Australia's greatest asset, its biodiversity. No where else on this planet has the responsibility of the custodianship of such an amazing biodiversity hotspot coinciding with our most populated areas. The risks from inaction are immense and the opportunities if we get this right will far out-way any cost we incur in the short term. Scientists already come from around the world to study our flora and fauna and a courageous and responsible policy to conserve our biodiversity will be translated into tourism dollars and kudos for our State.

Better information

11 How do you use native vegetation data within your sector? (Choose as many options as you require)

To plan for conservation, To plan for restoration, For baseline information for monitoring, Other

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

To inform submission writing

To inform the dissemination of information in community based environment groups.

12 Which of the following elements of better information provision would be most relevant to your sector? (Choose as many options as you require)

Evidence-base for decisions

If you have chosen 'other', please specify:

13 What other opportunities are presented by improved information and improved access to information?

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

Better informed input from the community to public processes.

Better regulation

14 Which of the following elements of better regulation would be most important to your sector? (Please rank your top three)

Rank better reg elements - Improved protection for native vegetation:

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Rank better reg elements - Ensuring development is sustainable:

Rank better reg elements - Streamlined regulation for cost saving:

Rank better reg elements - Clearer requirements for business certainty:

Rank better reg elements - Improved assessment timeframes:

Rank better reg elements - Transparent, evidence-based decisions:

Rank better reg elements - Improved compliance and enforcement of unauthorised clearing:

2

Rank better reg elements - Equitable treatment of all proponents:

Rank better reg elements - Confidence in the regulatory system for all stakeholders:

3

Rank better reg elements - Other:

If you selected Other, please provide further information.:

15 What other opportunities are presented by better regulation?

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

Better regulation means everyone knows where they stand.

A bioregional approach

16 Which of the following elements are the most important to you/your sector? (Please rank your top three)

Rank bioregional elements - 1. Transparent outcomes and objectives:

Rank bioregional elements - 2. Leveraging local knowledge:

1

Rank bioregional elements - 3. Strategic and innovative approach to conflicting interests:

Rank bioregional elements - 4. Clear targets and thresholds:

Rank bioregional elements - 5. Planned approach to dealing with cumulative impacts:

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Rank bioregional elements - 6. Effective monitoring and evaluation framework:

3

Rank bioregional elements - 7. Supporting public-private partnerships for conservation:

Please explain in the text box below.:

17 What other opportunities are presented by a bioregional approach?

Please explain in the text box below.:

Given the complexity of the inter relatedness of our ecosystems it is only at a bioregional level that we can properly address native vegetation conservation.

18 What concerns are presented by a bioregional approach, for your sector?

Please explain in the text box below.:

Other initiatives

19 What initiatives do you think would work best to improve native vegetation outcomes in your region?

Other

Please explain in the text box below.:

We need to be educating the wider community about the fabulously special part of the planet they are lucky enough to live in and enjoy. Then everyone will be supporting the initiatives listed above.

20 What else could be done to improve the management of native vegetation to arrest the decline of native vegetation extent and condition?

Please provide your answer in the text box below.:

Be courageous.

Step up to the mark to protect this unique (and I mean unique) asset and then reap the wonderful outcomes.

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